

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resource Commission
Regular Meeting
March 23, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by John Keshick III, Commissioner

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Treasurer, Phil Harmon and Secretary, William McNamara.

Absent: Vice-Chairman, Daugherty Johnson III;

1 Vacant Position

NRD Staff: NRD Director, Doug Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima; Inland Fisheries Biologist, Max Field; Inland Fishery Biologist, Bill Parsons; and Administrative Assistant, Debra S. Browne

Absent: Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Stephen Lenart;

Guests: Levi Walker, LTBB Tribal Member;

Public Comment: Opened 6:09 p.m.

Public Comment: Closed at 6:10 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary, to adopt the agenda as amended, Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

NRC reviewed the minutes of March 09, 2011.

6:18 p.m. Daugherty Johnson III arrived.

6:19 p.m. James Bransky arrived.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer; to approve the Minutes of March 09, 2011, as corrected, William McNamara, Secretary; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer; to approve for the record dated March 09, 2011, William McNamara, Secretary; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried

Natural Resource Director's Report – Douglas W. Craven, Director

- 2009 Annual Harvest Report is being compiled this week.
- Garden Island Lee Boisbort was emailed and she will bring up to the group at the next meeting.
- Trapping clinic/workshop was attended by conservation officers and LTBB may host a Trapping clinic/workshop.
- Interviews – Environmental Services Coordinator has been selected Christina Coger will begin soon. Great Lakes Fishery Biologist position was closed last week and resumes will be looked at next week, persons can still apply until further notice.
- Walleye permits is up and running for LTBB and we have issued a couple permits.
- Bio Diesel shed plans are moving ahead at this time with the initial cost estimates have increased from what was projected.
- Hatchery work group has ranked firms that sent in qualifications and next Thursday, March 31, 2011 the top 3 will be interviewed.
- Stephen Lenart's last day will be April 1, 2011

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the Director's Verbal Report as presented by Douglas W. Craven, Natural Resource Director, Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried

Conservation Enforcement Report – Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer

- Hard water and into soft water and the issuances of permits in the Bay de Noc area have been issued
- LEC meeting great lakes fishery commission meeting was attended March 22 – 23, 2011. Transportation of Asian Carp was discovered by the Ontario border patrol and the transporter was fined \$50,000 for transporting live fish across borders.
- Matt Stuber, USFWS Eagle Biologist became aware of the clear cutting around the eagle nest and a site visit was scheduled this week. There is a 660 foot buffer zone in the guide lines and the eagle did come back on the nest.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer to approve the Conservation Enforcement Verbal Report as presented by Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer, William McNamara, Secretary;; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried

Great Lakes Biologist Report – Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Stephen Lenart;

- Cross Village ramp work will begin soon and materials have been ordered and received.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the Great Lakes Biologist Written and Verbal Report as presented by Doug Craven, Director; Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Inland Wildlife Biologist Report – Max Field, Inland Fisheries Biologist and William Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist

- Meetings/Conference Calls
 - Fur Takers Meeting – March 12, 2011 @ St. Ignace, MI
 - Archie Kiogima Attended
 - BIA GLRI Islands Project meeting w/ Doug Craven – March 15, 2011
 - Pickerel-Crooked Lake Association Meeting – March 22, 2011 @ Pellston Airport
 - 2011 Inland Waterway Survey (Crooked-Pickerel, Burt, Mullett)
 - Bill Parsons, Kevin Haynes, Max Field Attended
- Activities
 - 2011 Inland Fish & Wildlife Program Calendar
 - Planning April 2011 through August 2011
 - Contact w/ Phyllis Higmon of Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI)
 - BIA GLRI Island Project & USFES TWG Walleye Project
- Field Activities
 - Waugoshaance Point Carcass Camera – March 10, 2011
 - Re-Baited
 - Beaver Island to Graden Island – Winter Track Survey – March 11, 2011
 - Archie, Bill, Buddy
 - LTBB Reservation mainland – Winter Track Surveys – March 10-11, 2011
 - Kevin, Max
 - Elk Head Pick-up from MDNR Wildlife Disease Lab – March 22, 2011
 - Bill
 - French Farm Lake Bald Eagle Nest Clearcut Investigation – March 17-18, 2011
 - Archie, Bill, Kevin Haynes, Kevin Willis, and USFWS Officer Jim fuller
 - Spirit Lake Carcass Camera – March 18, 2011
 - 250 pictures
- Monitoring
 - Spirit Lake Staff Gauge
 - Checked on March 10, and March 18, 2011

- Reports & Inland Consent Decree Deadlines
 - Wildlife Work Plan – Due April 1, 2011

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Wildlife Written and Verbal Report as presented by Max Field, Inland Fisheries Biologist and William Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist; Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Environmental Services Report – Douglas W. Craven, Director

- Working on the PPG master grant and a amended budget and work plan has been submitted and is moving forward.
- Bear River GLRI meetings have been scheduled and equipment is in the process of being purchased.
- Ana monitor gauge has been monitoring the wind speed and takes a reading every 10 minutes so there is a substantial amount of data to analyze.
- Tribal Council is not fully supportive regarding wind turbines at LTBB Locations at this point.
- Bio Diesel project is slowly moving forward slowly and the investment will be moving.
- SACCA Grant to assist with Bay Harbor site, EPA will fund LTBB after the State has taken the first step.
- Christina DeBois is working on the Recycling program is planning a program that will start with the departments buying recycled products. Composting sites are being discussed and it is in the works.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the Environmental Services Verbal Report as presented by Douglas W. Craven, Director, NRC Commissioner; Phil Harmon, Treasurer;

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Commissioner's Report – John Keshick III, Commissioner

- Executive Session items will be discussed later.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the Natural Resource Commisisoner's Verbal Report as presented by John Keshick III, NRC Commissioner; Phil Harmon, Treasurer;

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the CORA packet review. LTBB Bear proposal will be presented to the CORA tribes meeting that will be held on March 24, 2011 along with discussion on a Moose hunt. NRC is concerned about hunting

moose without the biologist report on population and method used to compile the data.

7:36 p.m. Archie Kiogima and William Parsons depart meeting.

Discussion was held on the Walleye Spearing Permit system and the discussion will be brought up at the CORA.

7:47 p.m. Max Field and Levi Walker depart meeting.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer; to enter into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m., William McNamara, Secretary; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer; to exit Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. and return to regular session, William McNamara, Secretary; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer; to approve commissioners to receive stipend, mileage and per diem for attendance at the Wetland Statute and Regulations and Bells Fishery Charter Special Meeting to be held on March 30, 2011; William McNamara, Secretary; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer; to approve commissioners to receive stipend, mileage and per diem for attendance at the Tribal Council meeting that was held on March 20, 2011; William McNamara, Secretary; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Public Comment opened at 8:24 p.m.

Public Comment closed at 8:32 p.m.

Motion made by William McNamara; to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m., Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting will be held on April 13, 2011.

Approved:

William McNamara, Secretary

Date